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In re Application of: Steven Ibara et al.

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This is in response to applicant's petition filed on December 19, 2005 for withdrawal of the Drawing Objection raised by the examiner in the October 20, 2005 Office action.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The petitioner argues that the drawings as originally filed show a self-retracting reel labeled as 14 and the specification provides further discussion as to the self-retracting reel utilizing a metal spring. As such, the petitioner believes that the drawings adequately disclose all of the claimed features.

A review of the file history indicates that the examiner's objection to the drawings in the October 20, 2005 Office action was based on a belief that the drawings fail to illustrate the details of a "spring biased reel". Looking to the drawings, a box 14 is defined as being a spring biased reel. Since the details of spring biased reels for allowing pay out and retraction of filaments for numerous uses are well known in the art, the details displayed in the drawings of the instant application are considered sufficient to support the claims.

Accordingly, the petition with respect to the request for withdraw of the drawing objection is granted. The case will be forwarded to the examiner for handling of the Pre-Appeal Conference request filed on January 18, 2006.

Summary: Petition GRANTED.

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